

Minutes of the Leisure and Environment Committee REP 5.17

DATE & TIME	Wednesday 19th July at 10am
PLACE	TOWN HALL
CHAIR	Cllr Allen
PRESENT	Cllrs Allen, Doy, Rowan Robinson
APOLOGIES	Cllrs Bradbury and Ladd

AGENDA

Item	Subject	Comments	Action
1	Election of Chair 2017 – 18	It was RESOLVED that Cllr Allen would be Chairman for 2017/18. All agreed.	
2	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	
3	Minutes	The Minutes of the meeting of June have already been noted by Town Council.	
4	Standing Orders-public section.	There were no members of the public present.	
5	Environmental matters – timelines and completion dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marshes drainage - update – Giles Bloomfield has confirmed that he is keen to be part of the larger management plan for the common and marshes areas and would be happy to guide and advise on these matters. Walk round to be arranged with SA, MRR and GB. The larger project will need to be sketched out, and GB to be asked to consider the harbour road sluice boards and culverts as a matter of urgency. <p>MRR advised that the marsh that drains the allotments needs to be looked at, as, like the Millennium car park area, they drain into Botany Marsh.</p> <p>MRR advised that there was concern about a particular substance that it is believed has been put on the marsh by the tenant farmer, although it was noted that the tenant farmer may well have permission to do so. Town Clerk to write to the tenant farmer to seek this confirmation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marshes Information Boards - update – Cllr Allen advised that the designer has asked for an ordnance survey map and this will be supplied. The designer will then update the timetable for providing the noticeboards. Marshes – vacancies – Cllr Allen advised that a Mrs Collins is interested in renting one of the marshes. Cllr Allen will arrange to meet her. Cllr Allen has discussed the suitability of the marsh with Nick Durrant and as the marsh needs to be “topped”, he has suggested providing a 	<p>LJB</p> <p>SA</p>

		<p>rent free period to encourage the potential tenant to make this happen. The tenant of an existing marsh (Mary Thrower) has also advised that she would like to rent a further marsh and the same principle could apply to her.</p> <p>With regards to the dyke alongside the allotment, this needs clearing as soon as possible, together with the culvert, and the Town Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the work to take place from both Nick Durrant and from the previous contractor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog walkers code – Carlton Marshes – Cllr Allen and Cllr Ladd visited Carlton Marshes to see how they work with dog walkers. A community team has been established at the marshes to encourage all users to act appropriately. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged for the Autumn with the appropriate parties, to start discussions for the appropriate code of conduct for the marshes in Southwold. The appropriate conduct would include dogs being kept on a lead on the marsh when cattle were present, but also when cattle were not present as this is necessary to protect the SSSI and the birds. Meeting attendees to include Phil Brown from Carlton Marshes, Happy Paws, Cllr Ladd SCC, Leisure & Environment Cttee and SARDOG. <p>Cllr Allen suggested that a PSPO should be considered for Southwold marshes as per Carlton marshes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norse walk round -matters to discuss – this is taking place on Friday 21st July at 9.30am starting at Gun Hill. • Algae on seawall – a report is awaited from the EA following a site meeting on 6th July (Council not represented). <p>Cllr MRR advised that past the steps there is now a 4 foot drop to the beach and suggested that steps be provided to enable people to get onto the beach. Cllr Allen advised that this would be a WDC/Paul Patterson matter to consider and it was suggested that the Town Clerk write to obtain a cost.</p> <p>Cllr Allen advised that the EA have decided that the Potters Bridge area will not be protected in the future and any solution is proving too expensive.</p> <p>Cllr Allen advised that Mr England has recently advised Bill Parker of further erosion of the cliffs at Easton Bavents.</p>	<p>LJB</p> <p>LJB</p> <p>LJB</p>
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6	Town Projects – Timelines and completion dates to be established for each project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fingerpost installation date – Norse are taking collection of the fingerposts this week and it is hoped that they will be erected at the end of next week. • Electricity Green - Cycle racks – cycle racks had already been approved for this area. Costing of the paving is £2,800. Design and type of cycle rack to be considered. ML to be asked to liaise with Norse. 	ML
7	Events	<p>Fred Olsen Cruise – 26th July 2017 – the Town Clerk confirmed the arrangements for the visit of the cruise ship. Councillors to be asked to be cruise ambassadors within the High Street.</p> <p>Arbor Day – 2017 – <i>Arrangements for the day</i> – provisional date has been set, confirmation from school awaited.</p> <p>Women on Wheels – Di Mayhew has updated SCC on the matters arising from the event this year. Although very successful it did take much organisation to enable the day to go ahead. Di has already advised that she would not be able to commit as much time for next year and therefore has asked that another lead volunteer be found. SCC has advised that other groups have worked with Leisure Centre staff to organise and man the event and SCC have suggested working with Sentinel Leisure Trust to ensure an event takes place in 2018. Town Clerk to contact Sentinel Leisure Trust.</p>	LJB
8	Play areas and Open space	<p>Trip hazards Tibbys Green – sorted</p> <p>Trip hazard – Gun Hill – reported</p>	
9	Other matters to consider/ To progress	<p>Donkey concession on beach – the Committee were agreeable to the request for donkeys to be on the beach from the harbour and in front of the dunes (i.e. outside of the PSPO area) and WDC will be advised.</p> <p>Ferry Road garden – report coming to STC on 25th July</p> <p>Complaints have been received regarding tables and chairs on the pavements throughout the High Street. SCC have advised that although these should be licenced, there is no manpower to undertake this task at SCC and that the Town Council may like to consider this as part of the A board policy. It was</p>	

		<p>suggested that street furniture be added to A boards within the A board policy to ensure that consideration is also given to pedestrians. Policy to be redrafted.</p> <p>Reference was made to the table and chairs outside the previous Railway Shop next to the Kings Head. Cllr Doy advised that this was a pop up shop that had just been opened to serve tea/coffee and cold food during Latitude.</p> <p>Buskers outside URC – Councillors have received a complaint from the resident from the Manor House about buskers outside the URC. WDC licencing confirm that no licence is required to busk. Andrew Reynolds of Environmental Protection Team has advised that the only means of address may be through monitoring the noise especially if music is being amplified. The resident is in contact with Andrew Reynolds.</p> <p>Town Clerk asked to work with Norse to ensure that the cannons are repaired after 1st September and are returned prior to the October half term.</p>	<p>LJB</p> <p>LJB</p>
10	To receive L and E cttee Financial report	Financial report – the financial summary is attached to the Minutes. The report was received and noted by the Committee.	
11	Date of next meeting –	<p>To be confirmed.</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at midday.</p>	